

REMARKS

I. Introduction

At the time of the Office Action dated January 6, 2006, claims 1-25 were pending in this application. Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's indication that claims 8, 10, 12 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In this Amendment, claims 1 and 9-11 have been amended, and claims 7, 8, 12 and 18-25 have been canceled. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter. Claims 1 and 11 have been amended to include all the limitations recited in allowable claims 8 and 12, respectively. Claims 9 and 10 have been amended to be dependent on claim 1.

II. The Objection to the Drawings

The Examiner pointed out that the drawings do not show the claimed shorting means being configured to be turned OFF autonomously based on feedback information from the display section to the voltage supply lines.

In response, Applicants have amended claim 1 to revise the limitation regarding the shorting means so as to delete the recitation "based on feedback information from the display section to the voltage supply lines" from claim 1.

Applicants believe this amendment is fully responsive to the Examiner's concern. Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is, therefore, respectfully solicited.

III. The Rejection of Claims 1, 18 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

Claims 1, 18 and 20 have been rejected as failing to comply with the written description requirement because the following limitation is not disclosed in the specification: “the shorting means is configured to be turned OFF autonomously based on feedback information from the display section to the voltage supply lines.”

In response, claim 1 has been amended to delete the recitation “based on feedback information from the display section to the voltage supply lines,” identified by the Examiner in paragraph 5 of the Office Action. It is noted that claims 18 and 20 have been canceled, which has rendered the rejection of these claims moot.

Applicants, therefore, respectfully solicit withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 and favorable consideration thereof.

IV. The Rejection of Claims

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9, 11 and 16-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fujioka in view of Taguma et al., and further in view of Udo et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,304,241); and claims 5, 14 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fujioka in view of Taguma et al. and further in view of Udo et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,304,241) and Udo et al. (US 2002/0050972).

In response, independent claim 1 has been amended to include all the limitations recited in claims 7 and 8, and claim 11 has also been amended to include all the limitations recited in claim 12. Claims 8 and 12 were indicated to be allowable if written in independent form. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 1 and 11, and dependent claims 2-6, 9 and 14-17 have been rendered moot. It is noted that claims 18-24 have been canceled, which have also rendered the

rejection of claims 18-24 moot. Applicants, therefore, respectfully solicit favorable consideration of claims 1-6, 9, 11 and 14-17.

V. Conclusion

Applicants submit that by the present Amendment and Remarks, this application is placed in clear condition for immediate allowance. At the least, the present Amendment reduces the number of issues, such as the objection to the drawings, the rejection of claims 1, 18 and 20 under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, and the rejection of claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9, 11 and 16-24 under 35 U.S.C. §103 thereby placing the application in better condition for Appeal. Accordingly, entry of the present Amendment and Remarks, and favorable consideration, are respectfully solicited pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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